

Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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Inventory No:	EAS.57
Historic Name:	Smith, Isaac House
Common Name:	
Address:	225 Bridge Rd
City/Town:	Eastham
Village/Neighborhood:	
Local No:	20-063
Year Constructed:	c 1738
Architect(s):	
Architectural Style(s):	Colonial
Use(s):	Single Family Dwelling House
Significance:	Architecture
Area(s):	EAS.J: Bridge - Dyer Prince Roads Area
Designation(s):	
Building Materials(s):	Roof: Cedar Shingle Wall: Wood Shingle; Wood Foundation: Poured Concrete



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FORM B - BUILDING

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Construction c. 1738

See Bibliography*

orm Center-Chimney,
 Full Cape Cod House

ct/Builder

Material:

Foundation Poured Concrete

Wall/Trim Shingles

Roof Cedar Shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures

Major Alterations (with dates)

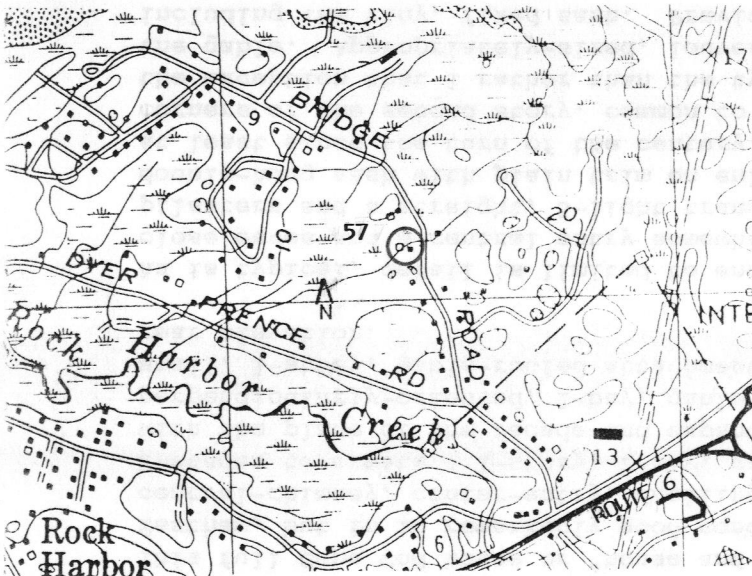
Condition Good

Moved ☒ no ☐ yes Date

Acreage 1.01 Acres

Setting Located on a secondary road in a
 moderately-settled, rural area near the
 intersection of Dyer Prince Road.

here. Indicate North.



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 and Sanford Johnson
 Organization: Commonwealth Collaborative

Date: August 1995

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BUILDING FORM

225 Bridge Road

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION See continuation sheet.

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

This full Cape Cod house or "house and a half" is reputedly among oldest in Eastham, but is in remarkably good condition. The rectangular, 5 x 2-bay, central-chimney, center-entry, dwelling has been expanded to the west in 2 stages to create a 1-story, 2-bay, gable-roof, full-depth ell attached flush with the plane of the facade and expanded to the rear with a tiny, 1-story, perpendicularly-oriented, 1-bay, gable-roofed, rear appendage. A second, small, 1-story, gable-roofed attachment protrudes off the east end of the rear elevation.

As is typical, detail is limited to end boards, boxed, molded cornice with close eaves and a central entry somewhat enhanced with simple, capped pilasters and a straight, 5-light transom. Fenestration consists of 6/6, double-hung sash with plain trim on enlarged openings that have been in place at least since the turn of the century. The fixed-sash windows at the low corners of the second story, common to Cape Cod houses, are in place here with the exception that 1 rather than the typical 2 windows is centrally located in the gable. Appropriately-sized, louvered blinds exist on most windows, including the tiny, fixed sash. Previous clapboard cladding on the facade has been replaced with shingles.

Also on site is a modern, similarly-detailed, salt box-roofed garage with a small cupola.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE X See continuation sheet.

Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

The Rogers map of 1795 and the Hales map of 1831 indicate Bridge Road was laid out during the Federal Period. The reconnaissance report of the Massachusetts Historical Commission describes the road as a local loop off King's Highway. The second meetinghouse was built in the area by 1720 and a school was built in 1762. By 1831, there were salt works, several residences and a shallow canal from the Boat Meadow River to Town Cove near the southern end of Bridge Road. The road was extended north in 1837 when a bridge was constructed over the Boat Meadow River and accorded a name to the route. Agriculture played an important role in the development of Eastham from the Colonial Period through the Early Modern Period.

According to research by Ed Harnett, the house at 225 Bridge Road was constructed c. 1738 by Isaac Smith and is reputed to be one of the oldest in Eastham. Ownership of the house transferred to his daughter, Lucy Smith, who in 1793 married Ephraim Harding (b. Truro, 1764; d. 1848). They occupied it until 1846. Henry Harding (1806-1859), the son of Ephraim and Lucy (Smith) Harding, bought the house at public auction.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES X See continuation sheet.

 X Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places;

If checked, see attached National Register Criteria Statement form.

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HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (continued)

Henry Harding, a sea captain, also built the house across the street at 220 Bridge Road.

Lucy Harding (b. 1808; d. 1833), daughter of Ephraim and Lucy (Smith) Harding, married Abner Freeman (d. 1911) who appears as the owner on the 1880 Walker map of Eastham. By 1901, the residents were Benjamin Freeman, poultry dealer, and Lucy E. Freeman (December 7, 1939), the son and daughter of Abner and Lucy H. Freeman. Lucy E. Freeman became the owner in 1921 and remained in residence until her death in 1939. She willed the property to Walter B. Lewis or his wife Emma J. Lewis. The latter sold the property to sisters, Georgie B. and Emma J. Lewis (different person) (d. October 1, 1948). The former sold the property to William H. Thomas in 1945.

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Community: Eastham
Property Address: 225 Bridge Road

Area Form No. 57

National Register of Historic Places Criteria Statement

Check all that apply:

☒ Individually eligible ☐ Eligible only in a historic district
☐ Contributing to a potential historic district ☐ Potential historic district

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D

Criteria Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Statement of Significance by: Dianne L. Siergiej
The criteria that are checked in the above sections must be justified here.

The property at 225 Bridge Road is significant on a local level with regard to the above-referenced criteria as one of the oldest and best preserved examples of the full Cape Cod house form (double house) in Eastham.

Original yellow form: Eligibility file _____
Copies: Inventory form ☒ _____
Town file(w/corresp.) _____
Macris _____
NR director _____

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Community: Eastham

MHC OPINION: ELIGIBILITY FOR NATIONAL REGISTER

Date Received:

Date Due:

Date Reviewed: 12/6/95

Type: ☒ Individual

☐ District (Attach map indicating boundaries)

Name:

Inventory Form: EAS.57

Address: 225 Bridge Road

Requested by: LHC

Action: ☒ Honor ☐ ITC ☐ Grant ☐ R & C ☐ Other:

Agency:

Staff in charge of Review: BF

INDIVIDUAL PROPERTIES

☐ Eligible
☐ Eligible, also in district
☐ Eligible only in district
☐ Ineligible
☒ More information needed

DISTRICTS

☐ Eligible
☐ Ineligible
☐ More information needed

CRITERIA: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D

LEVEL: ☐ Local ☐ State ☐ National

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE by Michael Steinitz

225 Bridge Road appears to be a notably early and well-preserved example of a full Cape Cod house in Eastham. To assess eligibility of this property under criterion C, MHC staff would need more information on surviving historic interior features, with current photographs, and on the nature and extent of modern interior and exterior renovations. Any information on the historic evolution of the building would also be helpful. While associations with the Smith, Harding, Freeman, and Lewis families have been indicated, more information on the roles that individuals in these families associated with **225 Bridge Road** would be necessary to establish eligibility under criterion A. **225 Bridge Road** may also be eligible as part of a larger National Register district along Bridge Road. More information in the form of an MHC Area Form for Bridge Road would be necessary for MHC to evaluate the eligibility potential of this area.